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Good morning Jill,

Yesterday, I attended the Governor's Flood Recovery & Alliance Session that was coordinated by the Community Advancement and Development division of the WV Development Office. The purpose of the session was to develop an overarching, unified strategy that multiple state and federal agencies would use to guide recovery funding decisions related to the June 2016 flood event. This meeting was the first step in creating the unified strategy, which brought together senior level state and federal officials to build consensus on strategic priorities, a framework for the strategy, a path forward, and timeline for the strategy's development.

During the session, HUD was asked to follow up regarding the exact documentation the state would need to submit for federal review of how the CDBG-DR funding allocations were focused. Specifically, what would be needed for the state to document that the unmet housing need, previously expressed, is being met and their desire to move funding from the housing focus to another area. Yesterday, the state (VOAD, WVDHSEM, WVNG) raised the point that the housing need is being met by others and perhaps is not a top ranking priority for funding. The Community Advancement and Development Division made a commitment to look at reallocation of funding for that reason. I shared with the attendees that the federal register guided initial determinations for most of the money to be spent on unmet housing needs, that have been subsequently supported through continued data gathering when the state prepared their initial action plan submission as well as their action plan amendment for the third allocation, that was just recently submitted.

Can you please assist in providing information as it pertains to the exact steps the state would have to go through in order for HUD to consider a priority shift from housing to another area? Thanks so much in advance for your continued assistance in our states recovery efforts.

Thank you,
Julie

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